

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. No new matter is being added by the amendment to the claims.

In the final office action, claims 1-5 and 7-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Borella, et al. (US 6,643,259). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Independent claims 1, 7, and 9 are being amended to recite allowable subject matter in claims 17, 18, and 20, respectively. Accordingly, claims 1, 7, and 9 are patentable over Borella.

Claims 2-5, 8, and 10-16 depend from one of the claims 1, 7, and 9, and are each patentable over Borella for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 7 and 9 are patentable over Borella. Furthermore, each of the claims 2-5, 8, and 10-16 distinguishes over Borella by reciting additional features in combination with the features that are recited in their respective base claim. Accordingly, claims 2-5, 8, and 10-16 are each patentable over Borella.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in the cited reference that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.

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If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (805) 681-5078.

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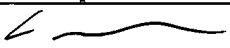
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